

School Health Advisory Committee
June 12, 2006
Minutes

Those present: Carrie Tyer, Vanessa Akin, Kathy Whitby, Margaret Peterson, Carol Lysher, Mary Anne Spinella

Health clinic survey

Various questions regarding issues such as natural lighting,, handicap accessible, hot and running water, privacy, etc. Recommend that the 2006-07 SHAB review this.

Nursing Manual Update

The secretary has been working on the update and is near completion. It will be reviewed as soon as it is complete by nursing staff.

Counselor Coordinator position

Three counselors presented: Carol Carpenter (AGW), Ed McKenney (HHP) and Roxanne Johnson (GMS). They gave a presentation on the duties of counselors and the general need for a counselor coordinator at the division level. Currently the Supervisor of Student Services and Assessment supervises the counselors. School divisions as large as Stafford have a separate person who oversees (supervises) the counselors (Prince William, Albemarle, Henrico and Spotsylvania). According to the ASCA National Model it is recommended that a leadership position be in place for the K-12 developmental counseling program for training needs, legal issues and leadership. A Counselor Coordinator was proposed in the 2006-07 budget but was cut.

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis booster shot)

The state has set out a new requirement for a new booster shot for new 6th graders in the 2006-07 school year. Letters have gone out to rising 6th graders and schools will be working with new registrants this summer. The health dept. will hold a clinic in July or parents may choose to use their own physician.

Recommendations for the 2006-2007 school year:

1. Support student health as the division continues to implement the Healthy Snack and Beverage Initiative.
2. Hire a Counselor Coordinator to supervise and provide leadership in the ongoing implementation of the division-wide school counseling program.
3. Support a division-wide bullying policy as well as preventative measures (staff training, student and parent awareness) and intervention/investigative procedures.
4. Ensure that every student and school employee spend their days in an environmentally safe and healthy school.